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Here is a list of books on Russia which we thought might be of interest to you. You have probably already read most of them but there may be a few that you will find of value. It was a great pleasure talking to you last week and I hope that I will have the opportunity of meeting you again sometime in the future.

Very sincerely,

William H. Jackson  
Deputy Director of  
Central Intelligence

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The following reading is recommended by General Walter B. Smith to provide a series of accurate impressions covering the epochal periods of Russian, and particularly Soviet Russian, development. He calls it an unconventional approach.

1. Wolf, Bertram D., THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION, The Dial Press, 1948, \$5.00.

Read only Chapter One, "The Heritage." Then put the book aside.

2. de Custine, Marquis d'Astolphe, JOURNEY FOR OUR TIME, the Journals of the Marquis de Custine, 1839, edited by P. P. Kohler, Pellegrini and Cudahy, New York, 1951, \$4.00.
3. Sholekhov, M. A., THE DON FLOWS HOME TO THE SEA, translated from the Russian by Stephen Gary, Knopf, New York, 1941, \$6.00; Putnam, \$3.00.

This is the first half of Sholekhov's long novel in two volumes entitled THE SILENT DON.

4. At this point finish THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION, Chapter One of which is the introduction to the series.
5. Trotsky, Leon, STALIN, AN APPRAISAL OF THE MAN AND HIS INFLUENCE, edited and translated from the Russian by Charles Malamuth, Harper Brothers, New York, 1941, \$6.00.
6. Dallin, David, THE REAL SOVIET RUSSIA, translated by Joseph Shaplen, Yale University Press, 1944, \$3.50.
7. Dallin, David, SOVIET RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY--1939-1942, translated by Leon Dennen, Yale University Press, 1942, \$4.50.
8. Smith, General Walter B., MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW, Lippincott, New York, 1950, \$3.75.

Suggested as being the most recently recorded comments of a most competent observer.

If deeper study is wanted, the books listed below are excellent.

9. Bailey, Thomas A., AMERICA FACES RUSSIA, Cornell University Press, 1950, \$4.00.
10. Dallin, David, RISE OF RUSSIA IN ASIA, Yale University Press, 1949, \$5.00.
11. Fischer, Lewis, SOVIETS IN WORLD AFFAIRS, 2 volumes, Princeton University Press, 1950, \$10.00.
12. Hunt, R. M. Carew, THEORY AND PRACTICE OF COMMUNISM, Macmillan, 1950, \$3.00.

13. Maurer, Harryman, COLLISION OF EAST AND WEST, Chicago, Henry Regery Company, 1951, \$4.50.
14. Schwartz, RUSSIA'S SOVIET ECONOMY, Prentice-Hall, New York, 1950, \$6.65.
15. Shabad, GEOGRAPHY OF THE USSR, Columbia University Press, 1951, \$7.50.
16. Shapiro, J. Salwyn, WORLD IN CRISIS, McGraw-Hill, 1950, \$6.00.
17. Speer, AN INTRODUCTION TO RUSSIAN HISTORY AND CULTURE, Van Nostrand, 1949, \$6.00.
18. Strakhovsky, HANDBOOK OF SLAVIC STUDIES, Harvard University Press, 1949, \$12.50.
19. Swartz, THE JEWS AND THE SOVIET UNION, Syracuse University Press, 1951, \$6.00.
20. Vernadsky, A HISTORY OF RUSSIA, Yale University Press, 3rd rev. ed., 1951, \$3.00.

MEMORANDUM TO: [REDACTED]

Attached is DCI's list of recommended books on Russia. Mr. Jackson asked that it be consolidated with the list you submitted but that some indication be given of the books recommended by DCI.

I have the letter of transmittal signed by Mr. Jackson. I don't know whether [REDACTED] but I expect to know that by 9:30. If you will return the/finished list to me, we will take care of mailing.

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. JACKSON

The books on Russia recommended by our Library and listed by Colonel Hansen are all good but if I were going to lead someone by the hand to an understanding of the Soviet Union, the path would be as follows:

1. THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION - Bertram D. Wolf, The Dial Press, 1948.

Read only Chapter One, "The Heritage". Then put the book aside and turn to -

2. JOURNEY FOR OUR TIME - (The Journal of the Marquis d'Custine, 1839.) Pellegrini & Cudahy, 1951.
3. QUIET FLOWS THE DON - Siminov.

This is the first half of Siminov's long novel, in two volumes, entitled: THE QUIET DON. I don't know the publisher but there is a recent English edition.

4. At this point finish THREE WHO MADE A REVOLUTION. Chapter One of which is the introduction to the series.
5. STALIN - LEON TROTSKY - Harper Brothers.
6. THE REAL SOVIET RUSSIA - Dallin, Yale University Press.
7. SOVIET RUSSIA'S FOREIGN POLICY - 1939-1942. Dallin, Yale University Press.

And at this point, with becoming modesty, I suggest selected chapters from MY THREE YEARS IN MOSCOW, Lippincott, simply as being the most recently recorded comments of a fairly competent observer.

This is quite an unconventional approach. One can get over his ears in Strakhovsky, Lewis Fischer, and others, if deep study is wanted. For a busy man, my own opinion is that a series of accurate impressions covering the epochal periods of Russian and particularly Soviet Russian development are much more important than learned treatises.

W.B.S.

MEMORANDUM TO: General Smith

Mr. Jackson asks if you would add any books on Russia which you especially recommend on this list which he had prepared for Mr. Keith Murdock, an Australian Publisher visiting the US.

  
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FROM : Lt. Col. C. B. Hansen

SUBJECT: Recommended books on Russia

DATE: 11 June 1951

The following books on Russia are recommended by our library as especially good, although they emphasize that there are many others.

Bailey, Thomas A., "America Faces Russia," Cornell University Press, 1950, \$4.00

Dallin, "Rise of Russia in Asia," Yale University Press, 1949, \$5.00.

Fischer, Lewis, "Soviets in World Affairs," 2 volumes, Princeton University Press, 1950, \$10.00.

Hunt, R. M. Carew, "Theory and Practice of Communism," MacMillan, 1950, \$3.00.

Maurer, Herryman, "Collision of East and West," Chicago, Henry Regery Company, 1951, \$4.50.

Schwartz, "Russia's Soviet Economy," Prentice-Hall, 1950, \$6.65.

Shabad, "Geography of the USSR," Columbia University Press, 1951, \$7.50.

Shapiro, J. Salwyn, "World in Crisis," McGraw-Hill, 1950, \$6.00.

Smith, Walter B., "My Three Years in Moscow," Lippincott, 1950, \$2.75 plain, \$3.75 illustrated.

Spector, "An Introduction to Russian History and Culture," Van Nostrand, 1949, \$6.00.

Strakhovsky, "Handbook of Slavic Studies," Harvard, 1949, \$12.50.

Swartz, "The Jews and the Soviet Union," Syracuse University Press, 1951, \$6.00.

Vernadsky, "A History of Russia," 3rd rev. ed., 1951, Yale University Press, \$3.00.

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